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Applicant: O. Such Attorney Docket No.: MSFT117208
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Advisory Office Action dated December 31, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the December 31, 2002, Advisory Office Action in this patent application, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") maintained its final rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,794,004, issued to Lindholm et al. (hereinafter "Lindholm et al."), taken in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,237,043, issued to Brown et al. (hereinafter "Brown et al."). Furthermore, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Lindholm et al. taken in view of the teachings of Brown et al., and further in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,687,073, issued to Kishimoto (hereinafter "Kishimoto").

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